

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the above-identified Office Action. The above listing of the claims supersedes any previous listing. Favorable reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Specification

In connection with the arrangement of the specification, attention is called to the preliminary amendment filed on October 6, 2004, wherein the appropriate sub-headings were added. Reconsideration of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Status

Claims 1-7 and 9-21 remain pending in the application. Claim 19 has been amended to obviate an inadvertent misspelling. This overcomes the rejection of this claim under 35 USC § 112 second paragraph. Support for the term "brazing" is found in the originally filed specification. See paragraph [0040] of Patent publication No. 20050118920.

Priority Perfection

In this response a certified literal translation of the priority document is submitted. This perfects the claim to a priority of April 12, 2002. Inasmuch as this is earlier than the filing date of the primary reference to Ding (September 30, 2002) the Ding reference is removed from application against the claimed subject matter in that it is no longer applicable under 35 USC § 102(e).

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the claims as they currently stand are allowable over the art which has been applied in this Office Action. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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